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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) Twenty.

" (*b*) Office-bearers were prosecuted in 11 cases.

" (*c*) Legal action was taken in 22 cases.

" (*d*) & (*e*) Nil."

Construction of a wharf for Coondapur Port, South Kanara.

* 144 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what cost and when a wharf was constructed for Coondapur Port in South Kanara district;

(*b*) to whom the work was entrusted and by whom and whether a public tender was called for; and

(*c*) whether the Government have discovered that the said wharf is not properly constructed and the same has to be repaired urgently at a heavy cost?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The actual cost of the work was Rs. 1,07,691. The work was completed on 9th December 1951.

" (*b*) Public tenders were called for with due publicity through the dailies, etc., and the work was entrusted, after approval by Government, to Messrs. Koganti Narayana Rao and Doddi Appalaswamy of Kakinada who were the lowest tenderers.

" (*c*) Some pits have formed at certain places on the reclaimed portion in rear of the wharf wall. No repairs are reported to be necessary to the wharf wall itself. The causes for the formation of the depressions are being looked into by the Assistant Engineer (Marine)."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Will the Government depute an eminent engineer to report about the manner of construction as well as the present condition of the wharf and if an unfavourable report is received, will the Government take suitable action against the particular persons who are responsible for wasting huge sums of public money?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already said that the causes for the formation of the depressions are being looked into by the Assistant Engineer (Marine). After his report is received, we will have to consider whether there has been any waste and so on."

Palm Jaggery Co-operative Societies.

* 145 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Palm Jaggery Co-operative Societies formed in the Guntur district for the benefit of ex-toddy tappers and the number of members working in those societies;

(*b*) the average monthly earning of a member working in the society;